

# Base spring clean-up set for today, tomorrow

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It's Spring clean-up time again. Time to get up from your desk and spruce up your area of Kirtland AFB.

Office and work areas should focus on your common areas today. Trash bags are available from the Civil Engineer Customer Service Unit in Building 20683. Facility Managers can schedule a special pick-up by calling 846-8222.

No accountable equipment please. Contact the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office for proper disposal of accountable property.

Tomorrow is dedicated to housing clean up. Kirtland Family Housing is proud to participate in this event by providing special trash pick-up and disposal bags. Trash bags are available at the Ridgecrest Office self-help at anytime. We will also spruce up the Maxwell Housing perimeter fence as it parallels with Gibson Boulevard.

If you have special trash pick-ups, excluding residential hazardous waste, simply call 232-2049 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for pick-up.

Please do not put out any trash bags after 4 p.m.

Should you have residential hazardous waste we will have our collection point open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It is behind Sandia Base Elementary School and directions are available by calling 232-2049.

## Daily seatbelt use checks

377th Air Base Wing Safety Office has checked 4,790 vehicles for seatbelt use and found 134 violations in the first two weeks of May.



Photo by Dennis Carlson

## Honoring America's armed forces members

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, speaks at Albuquerque's 2004 Armed Forces Day banquet, May 15, to about 700 active-duty, retired, Guard, Reserve and civilian members of America's armed forces

along with Albuquerque community members. The banquet was sponsored by the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. While in Albuquerque, General Martin also visited the 377th Security Forces Squadron and 898th Munitions Squadron.



**ROBERT NARVAIZ**  
377th Civil Engineer Division,  
was named  
**Air Force Materiel Command  
Fire Fighter of the Year**

## Space Vehicles director moving to Hill AFB, Utah

Col. William Neil McCasland, director, Space Vehicles Directorate, relinquishes command of the directorate, May 28, 9 a.m., in the Phillips Conference Center, Building 201.

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Neilsen, commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, will officiate.

Colonel McCasland has been selected for promotion to brigadier general.

Colonel McCasland will be deputy for support, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah.

Col. Rex R. Kiziah, assumes command of the directorate in early June. He is the materiel group director for advanced space superiority, Space Superiority Materiel Wing of the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

## 58th Maintenance Group command changing

Col. Michael Close, 58th Maintenance Group commander, relinquishes command to Col. Debra Shattuck in a change of command ceremony May 27, 1:30 p.m., in Hangar 1000.

Colonel Shattuck is deputy assistant chief of staff at Yongsan Garrison, Republic of Korea.

Colonel Close is retiring.

## Kirtland AFB celebrates Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In May 1990, President George W. Bush designated May of each year as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month because of milestones in Asian Pacific American history.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843. The ethnic groups consolidated under the term "Asian Pacific American" identifies individuals from over 30 different countries.

The Asian American Pacific Island-

ers brought with them their unique culture, food, fashion and heritage to this country. Their contributions have brought changes that helped strengthen America as one of the most powerful nations in the world.

Many Asian Pacific immigrants came to America to live their life to the fullest and fulfill their American dreams. This year's theme is "Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own."

As of February 2003, there were 4,905 Asian Pacific Americans on ac-

tive duty in the Air Force.

Airman 1st Class Wilbert Josef was born in Manila, Philippines. As an immigrant, he joined the Air Force and wanted to fulfill his American dreams.

He works at 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron and he has had his share of deployments. He said, he is proud to be an American Airman and is ready to answer that "call" anytime.

He is actively involved with Kirtland AFB's Asian American Pacific Islanders because he wanted to be a

part of this community in serving and sharing his ethnicity. He wanted to share his time and talents in celebrating this rich and diverse culture.

Airman Josef is inviting you to celebrate in the annual Great Aloha Luau, May 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Bicentennial Park. The Asian American Pacific Islander committee will be serving Asian food and promises good entertainment.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Dely Alcantara, senior demographer, University of New Mexico.



# Research scientists receive presidential awards

Dr. Robert Q. Fugate and Dr. William L. Baker—two senior scientists with the Air Force Research Laboratory, Directed Energy Directorate—were awarded 2003 Presidential Rank Awards, putting them in the top five percent of senior civilian executives in the federal government.

Presidential Rank Awards fall into two categories:

The Distinguished Senior Professional award was awarded to Dr. Fugate, senior scientist for atmospheric compensation at the Starfire Optical Range.

The Meritorious Senior Professional award was presented to Dr. Baker, the directorate's chief scientist.

Each year the president recognizes and celebrates a small group of career senior executives' long-term accomplishments with these awards. The nominees were evaluated on the basis of their leadership by a board of private citizens and then the final list was approved by President George W. Bush.

Award officials said that those winning these awards are strong leaders, professionals and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and a relentless commitment to excel-



Dr. Robert Q. Fugate

lence in public service.

Drs. Fugate and Baker received a framed certificate signed by the presi-



Dr. William L. Baker

dent and monetary recognition based on a percentage of their pay.

Dr. Fugate heads a research pro-

gram on atmospheric propagation physics, which includes atmospheric compensation using laser guided star adaptive optics, and the acquisition, tracking and pointing of lasers toward earth-orbiting satellites. Also included is the development of sensors, instrumentation and mount control of large-aperture, ground-based telescopes.

Under Dr. Fugate's leadership, the Starfire Optical Range has developed and operates the most advanced, highest-performance adaptive optics systems in existence.

Dr. Baker, who oversees the technical direction of the Directed Energy Directorate, began his Air Force career at Kirtland AFB in 1969 as a nuclear research officer. His early work included research and development efforts to advance pulsed power and plasma technology for nuclear weapons effects simulation.

Dr. Baker became internationally known for his development of intense plasma implosion X-ray sources. He initiated and directed Air Force work to develop high-energy particle beams as directed energy weapons. Subsequently, he formed and led the Air Force's high-power microwave program.



Senior Airman Todd Hancock, 377th Security Forces Squadron, completes a citation during traffic stops in the "Click It or Ticket" safety program. The increased enforcement of seatbelt and child passenger safety seat use is part of the national safety program with the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign and the federal Highway Safety Administration. Speeders on Kirtland AFB will also be targeted in the campaign.

Photo by Todd Berenger

## Click it or Ticket

### 377th Security Forces Squadron starts annual seatbelt safety campaign

The 377th Security Forces Squadron is participating in the "Click it or Ticket" national mobilization, May 24-June 1, when more than 13,000 civilian and military law enforcement agencies nationwide will sharply increase and intensify enforcement of seatbelt and child passenger safety laws.

This effort is a cooperative agreement in partnership with the Air Bag Seat Belt Safety Campaign and the National Highway Safety Administration to promote seatbelt use.

During the enforcement blitz, security forces will be conducting checkpoints, saturation patrols and random inspections at base entry

points and various intersections throughout the installation.

Patrols will also be conducting aggressive enforcement to crack down on speeders. All drivers violating traffic laws will be ticketed immediately.

Any questions may be referred to the Police Services section at 846-0369.